

Submitted testimony on MC 15-24

Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr, House Chair and Members, Montgomery County Delegation House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Dear Delegate Palakovich Carr and Members of the Montgomery County Delegation:

My name is Dan Reed and I serve as the Regional Policy Director for <u>Greater Greater Washington</u>, a nonprofit that works to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice in land use, transportation, and housing throughout Greater Washington. GGWash supports bill MC 15-24, which would direct fines from speed camera violations to fund safety-related projects on Montgomery County's most dangerous roads, and require reviews every five years of how effectively the county's speed monitoring systems are reducing travel speeds..

Montgomery County has adopted Vision Zero, which has a goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities by 2030. This bill would go a long way to achieving that goal by directing money from a behavior we wish to discourage—speeding—to infrastructure changes that would make it harder to speed. Funding for traffic calming and safety improvements are limited, and as a result communities can wait years for something as basic as a sidewalk to be installed. Alongside bills MC 6-24 and MC 10-24, this bill will make it easier to redesign streets where people are being injured or killed and prevent additional tragedies from occurring.

We ask the county delegation to give this bill a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Dan Reed

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